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## PET SAFETY - HOT WEATHER IS DANGEROUS

Its Summertime and our companion animals need extra care to remain happy and healthy in the hot weather. Dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do; overheating, dehydration, and sunburn.

By taking the following precautions you can avoid these problems.

Exercise your dog in the cool of the morning or evening - Never when it is hot or humid. Do not let your dog stand on hot roadways, as the animals sensitive paw pads can burn easily.

Provide pleanty of shade and cool clean wter for animals kept outdoors.

Bring your cat or dog inside in the hottest part of the day to rest in a cool part of your home.

Never leave your animal alone in your vehicle. Overheating can occur quickly and can be fatal. Even with the windows of the vehicle left open, temperatures will rise to unsafe levels. Parking in the shade provides little protection as the sun shifts during the day.

Please care for your animals. Owners that are found to neglect their animals WILL recieve a citation starting at \$198.60.

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